

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 1 Week 10**

**5th April 2011**

## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Last Friday we as a teaching staff, attended the "Gathering Day" for teachers in Catholic Schools from around the Diocese, held in Gore.

The focus of the day was "Our place in the Church of the future in Aotearoa New Zealand", and all of the workshops and speakers were pitched to address this topic.

As we move into the future we will face a range of new challenges—things that we had not previously thought about. The future is not always a scary place. Rather it is a place that we sometimes fear because of the unknown but also energises and invigorates us because of the human condition of setting ourselves challenges to overcome. In the Year Eight Religious Education programme we have been studying the Beatitudes and especially the attitudes and actions that they engender. One that our group found really interesting was the attitude of honesty and the action that comes from it is owning your own weakness.

To improve yourself you have to be honest with yourself and own your own weaknesses – face up to them and then hopefully either eliminate or at least limit. To do this of course you must be honest—honest with yourself in the words of Shakespeare "... and above all things to thine own self be true!"

**Have a great week  
Mike Brosnahan**

## Belinda from St John Visited Our School Last Week



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

### PTA News ...

#### **Entertainment Books Are Due Back**

If you would like the book or can sell another to a friend or family member please do so. If not we really need the unsold books back as they are worth \$50 and we don't want to lose track of them. Thank you for the positive sales we have had—50 so far!!

#### **School Fair**

The Fair this year is the **6th November**—mark it on the calendar!

Throughout the year we will be collecting white elephant items. But as we are starting to collect it this early please only bring along top quality things—or we will run out of room before the end of term 2! So if you have something fantastic feel free to bring it along to school between now and November 6th.

#### **Altar Servers—Sunday 10th April**

Shannon Crooks, Sinead & Josh Illingworth

#### **“Go Hard out for the Hungry” 20 Hour Famine 2011**

27 -29<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Any students from Year 4 up are able to be involved in the World Vision 20 Hour Famine through the school group.

If you are happy for your child to be involved get them to come and see Mrs Baines this week to register their interest. We are having Kylie from World Vision come along on Thursday afternoon to talk to the students about this year's event.

#### **Room 7 Easter Raffle**

To raise money towards the senior school camp, Room 7 children are selling raffles.

Prizes of Easter Baskets—Four Draws! Cost is \$1

**Children will be selling raffles after assembly on Friday in the Hall.**

Please support these children.



#### **A thought for the week...**

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm”.  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Looking Ahead Term 1

#### **April**

5th Scholastic Orders Due  
8th Room 5 Assembly with Room 3 Item 2.20pm  
10th Working Bee 11am—1pm  
13th Mufti Day—Gold coin donation  
14th BOT Meeting 7.30pm  
15th Easter Liturgy 2.15pm

#### **Working Bee This Sunday 11am—1pm**

Some of the jobs identified to be done are: paint lines on the playground, ie netball and basketball. The weed area over by the junior playground, this needs to have woodchips and weed mat put down. Also woodchips to be spread around the other play areas, and drainage matters attended to.

**Please come and lend a hand with these jobs, as many hands make light work!!**

**Also please bring along rakes and wheelbarrows if you can, for spreading the woodchips. Thank you.**



### Winter Sports Information Due

Most of the winter sport organisations want the team registrations in by the end of this week.

**A lot of the children who normally play sport have not signed up this year.**

You need to have your child's name to the school office by **tomorrow (Wednesday)** at the latest so we can make up our teams and fill in registration forms.

Also we have a shortage of people willing to coach a sports team, please consider helping out your child's team by coaching. We also cannot have teams with no coach or supervision.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s) I wish to play \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to coach a sports team **Yes / No**

Sport Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer—Fifth Week of Lent

Loving God, you wait for us in every moment and every experience of our day. As Lent progresses, make us more aware of your unconditional love for us. Help us to be more vulnerable to one another, more open to one another's needs, and more open to your gift of yourself to us. We open our hearts to you. Remind us to trust you, especially when we are fearful. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.